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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the annual Administration Report of the Military Forces for the year 1929-30.

READ—

Report of the Mysore State Troops for the year 1929-30, received with letter No. C 242—30-31, dated 10th November 1930, from the Chief Commandant.

ORDER No. G. 6027—MILY. 79-30-6, DATED 9TH DECEMBER 1930.

Recorded.

2. Col. J. C. Loch, C. B. E., of the Indian Army, who was appointed as Chief Commandant, in place of Lt. Col. Landon, assumed command of the State Forces on 9th September 1929 and continued in command throughout the year. The office of the Chief Commandant which was for a long time situated in the Race Course Road was shifted to Hebbal in September 1929 with a view to concentrate all the military offices in one locality. The post of Personal Assistant to the Chief Commandant which was revived from 1st April 1929 was ordered to be continued till 30th June 1931. Captain Rajkumar Desaraj Urs continued to be Honorary Staff Officer during the period.

3. The composition of the troops remained the same as in the previous year so far as the Cavalry and Infantry Units are concerned. But a reduction was effected in respect of the Transport Corps as it was deemed desirable to disband the Corps and replace it by a quicker and more up-to-date means of transport. Orders were accordingly issued in February 1930, sanctioning the immediate purchase of two six-wheeler

lorries and the sale of 35 old bullocks of the Transport Corps. Subsequently, sanction was accorded to the purchase of two more lorries with a view to effect progressive reduction in the animal transport in the Corps as well as in the personnel in charge of it. As a net result of these orders, a saving of Rs. 14,136 is expected under Establishment and Rs. 19,332 under other charges in the first stage and a further saving of Rs. 8,340 under Establishment and Rs. 3,012 under other charges in the second stage. As vehicles drawn by horses are fast falling into disuse by the advent of the motor car, the Government Stables were abolished and the number of motor cars maintained at the Government House was increased in consequence.

4. The scheme of boarding out horses to officers of the Mysore Government and private gentlemen which was sanctioned in November 1921 but was abolished in September 1923 owing to shortage of horses in the Regiments was revived during the year with certain modifications. Three horses from the Mysore Lancers and one from the Mysore Horse were hired out to civil officers according to this scheme during the year.

5. With a view to improve the general level of education of the men belonging to the various units of the Mysore State Troops, a scheme of educational training was sanctioned during the year and an officer of the Indian Army Educational Corps was appointed as Instructor for a period of two years with the rank and status of a Jamedar. The school had on its roll 100 men of all ranks including recruits who are receiving instruction in Roman, Urdu, Arithmetic, Map-reading, Compass-reading, measuring of angle, etc., which are essential for an army in the field. All ranks are reported to be evincing much interest in the training and the results achieved are reported to be encouraging. A cadre of 15 literate non-commissioned officers and sowars is reported to have been given instruction in teaching methods so that they may in due course take up the work of the Educational Instructor.

6. A court-martial was held during the year for the trial of 3 sowars of the Mysore Lancers charged with affray and all of them were convicted. The discipline in all Units was satisfactory.

7. The officers and men of the Mysore Lancers who took part in rifle meetings and military sports both within and outside the State secured the topmost places and carried off several prizes, medals and cups. Prizes were also won by the horses of this Regiment which entered for some of the events in the Bangalore Hunt Horse Show and the local Gymkhana Races.

8. There was more than one occasion when the civil authorities had to call in the aid of the Military during the year for the quelling of disturbances due to labour or communal troubles and strikes. A detachment of the Mysore Lancers under a Ressaldar was detailed for duty in July 1929 in connection with the Moharram disturbances at Davangere and two squadrons of the same Unit were detailed in April 1930 to maintain order in the Kolar Gold Fields area in connection with the labour troubles that broke out there. Parties of mounted and dismounted men were detailed in June, July and August 1929 in connection with the Mill strikes at Bangalore City. The troops acquitted themselves satisfactorily on all these occasions and were of great help in restoring order. Rules were issued during the year to regulate the detailing of military forces in aid of civil power on the model of those in force in the Indian Army.

9. The total expenditure under the head "Army" during the year was Rs. 18,23,007 as against Rs. 19,33,842 during the previous year. The total amount spent on military works both original and repair—was Rs. 1,03,125 as against Rs. 1,57,956 in the previous year. Of this, the outlay incurred on the construction of quarters for officers and sowars was only Rs. 36,030. It was not possible to take up many urgent works for want of funds.

10. The Technical Adviser for signalling and for Musketry who inspected the Mysore Lancers during the year expressed satisfaction at the efficient training of the Unit in both these branches. The Military Adviser has in his annual inspection of the Regiment also acknowledged the general efficiency of the Unit in respect of drill, signalling and musketry.

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